

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN
FROM : SZ/DAD
SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for January 1970

DATE: 09 February 1970

REF. No. SZDAD/70/016

GENERAL

The lull in hostile activity continued throughout the month of January. An increase in enemy action during the upcoming TET holidays is not unexpected, however. Three isolated instances of explosive charges being thrown at military vehicles were reported in the last week of the month.

Two Southern Air Transport flights transited Danang within the reporting period. Both were ferry departures and created little difficulty.

The Director of Danang Customs has tentatively approved the loading and offloading of cargo on international flights transiting this station, but this authorization contained several qualifications. These are being studied in SGN where a determination will be made as to the feasibility of utilizing this authority.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

No problems were encountered in this area during the month.

LEGAL

No written notice of intention to renew the lease on the hostel [REDACTED] was furnished to the landlord of this property, therefore the present contract will expire on 9 February. There should be no difficulty in vacating these premises by the required time.

Alternative hostel arrangements continue under discussion and should be finalized by the end of February. No significant problems are expected in the interim due to not having the above hostel available.

FACILITIES

Plans to renovate the CSD shipping and receiving warehouse into a passenger terminal and flight operations office are progressing at a reasonable rate. Preliminary blueprints have been made and it appears funding by COADS, Region I, should not be a problem. However, no target date to commence work has been established.

Dual HF antennas were hoisted into place on 24 January and were made operational the same day. The eighty foot antenna mast project can now be considered complete.

The contractor who submitted the lowest bid in April for the completion of the concrete paving and drainage ditch project has stated that he would still assume the job at the same price if awarded. Status of this project is pending higher echelon company approval.

FISCAL

██████████ payroll for the month totaled: 1,038,743\$VN

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 44,480\$VN

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time declined 15+04 hours as compared to December. Poor weather, a reduction in Embassy requirements, and the replacement of the AID Porter by a VTB all contributed to this decrease.

The normal complement of RON aircraft at this station will be reduced early in February. Due to a reduction in scheduled flight service between SGN and DAD, the C-47 RON will be eliminated. Requirements for two PC-6, two 204B and two VTB aircraft should continue.

The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station during January:

VN-70/AID	- - - - -	781+05
VN-70/EMB	- - - - -	196+00
0005	- - - - -	Nil
0069	- - - - -	1+38
Non-Revenue	- - - - -	Nil
Total	- - - - -	978+43

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Weather	- - - - -	24+40
Maintenance	- - - - -	Nil
Customer Cancellation	- - - - -	Nil
Other	- - - - -	Nil
Total	- - - - -	24+40

Hostel occupancy factors were 86% and 26% for the Old and New Hostels respectively.

COMMUNICATIONS

Some improvement in HF reception was reported by other stations since the installation of the new HF transmitting antennas, but interference problems continue to be experienced when receiving SGN signals.

The incoming ringing problem on the station telephones was eliminated, all four lines are now completely usable. The two Class A lines ring in Operations, and the two Class C lines ring in Traffic.

The [REDACTED] remote UHF/VHF was out of service one day, but AESU personnel were able to repair it without difficulty.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1541 and 1591 respectively.

TRAFFIC

A Pro-forma AR was submitted for a set of cargo weighing scales for the USAID warehouse operation. No scales were included in the provisions of the AID/VN-70 contract so it anticipated that their cost would be reimbursable.

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month are as follows:

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-7001/AID	2,456	2,358	384,478	287,078
VN-7002/EMB	682	679	635	6,371
0069	5	6	-	-
0005	-	-	-	-
AAM	85	89	7,582.5	14,877.5
TOTAL	<u>3,228</u>	<u>3,132</u>	<u>392,695.5</u>	<u>308,326.5</u>

SECURITY

All but eight TCN employees have received extensions of stay, and twenty three 1970 air base passes were received for TCN personnel. There are still three such personnel who do not have an extension of stay and whose temporary passes have expired. Special approval has been requested from VNAF Security to permit these employees to enter the base until the support documents for their permanent pass applications can be obtained.

PERSONNEL

The personnel breakdown at Danang Station at the close of business, 31 January, was as follows:

[REDACTED]

Permanent	4	18	14	81
Pre-Process	0	0	0	0
Temporary	1	0	0	0
Daily Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (118)	5	18	14	81

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RGMD handled a total of 603 arriving and 606 departing flights, a slight decrease as compared to December. For the second consecutive month there were no flight delays which resulted in a revenue loss attributable to maintenance. Heavy services increased substantially for a total of 9 (3 PC-6 and 4 204B number 1 services and 2 204B number 2 services). One engine change was required during the month. One aircraft was placed on AGP status, but no revenue loss resulted.

RGMD expended a total of 792 manhours of which 300 were consumed on leased properties. The routine airport building maintenance functions of this department have been somewhat frustrated by a lack of workable procedures whereby needed materials and supplies can be obtained. Although contractually it appears USAID is required to furnish, or at least reimburse the cost of, such supplies, little success has been forthcoming in this area. A CRR was submitted to the local customer for paint for the nose hangar, but this was forwarded to SGN for final approval. No action, either approval or disapproval, has been reported on this CRR since it was initiated on 06 December 1969.

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